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- 4. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, comprising a diacyl membrane lipid.
- 7. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the [polymer] polymeric material comprises a natural gum or a derivative thereof.
- 8. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the [polymer] polymeric material comprises a synthetic polymer.
- 9. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the [polymer] polymeric material has cationic or anionic groups.
- 10. (Amended) The composition of claim 9, wherein the [polymer] polymeric material has carboxyl or sulfate ester groups.
- 11. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the [polymer] polymeric material is selected from a salt of carboxymethylcellulose, aliginic acid or a salt thereof, a starch modified with anionic groups, agar, carrageenan, gum arabic, gum tragacanth, gum xanthan, pectin, carboxypolymethylene, a methyl vinyl

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ether/maleic acid copolymer and ammonio methacrylate copolymer, chitosan, a methacrylic acid copolymer, a hydrolysed gelatin.

- 12. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein there is present at least 10 wt.% of the [polymer] polymeric material based on the weight of said base composition.
- 13. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, further comprising a sugar.
- 14. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, further comprising a polyol, sucrose ester or polyglyceryl ester or a higher fatty acid or another polyol ester of a higher fatty acid.
- 15. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, further comprising a biologically active compound.
- 20. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is cyclosporin A, Taxol, tacrolimus or a rampamycin.

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- 21. (Amended) The composition of [any of claims 1-19] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the biologically active compound is insulin, calcitonin or heparin.
- 22. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is ubiquinone, tocopherol, carotenoid or a bioflavenoid.
- 23. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding claim] $\underline{1}$, which is of powder of size $50\text{-}2000\mu\text{m}$.
- 24. (Amended) The composition of [any preceding claim] 1, which is of powder of size $50-1000\mu m$.
- 25. (Amended) The composition of [any of claims 1-22] claim 1, which is of a granules of size 1-5 μ m.
- 26. (Amended) A method for making the composition of [any preceding claim] claim 1, which comprises dissolving or dispersing the ingredients in a solvent and removing said solvent.

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- 35. (Amended) The composition of claim [33 or 34] 1 or 31, wherein the lipid is derived from egg or soya.
- 38. (Amended) The composition of any of [claims 33-37] <u>claim 31</u>, wherein the polymer is selected from natural polysaccharide polymers, starches and their derivatives, cellulose and its derivatives and gelatin.